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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

GARDENS and BEAUTIFICATION

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PURPOSE: To encourage growing, planting and beautifying.

THEME: "LET'S GROW".

Gardening can be fun, stimulating, educational, healthy and satisfying. At heart, we are all gardeners, whether we grow, show, give, arrange or LOVE flowers. There is so much we can do for the betterment of all, so let's get started - let's grow."

1. **CITY BEAUTIFICATION:** This is a nation-wide project. Keeping our own gardens neat and trim; joining with city officials in a tree-planting campaign; hiding unsightly sewage plants, city dumps, auto graveyards with a screen of trees; inducing park and highway planting and putting in rose and fragrance gardens for the pleasure of all, especially the blind.

2. **LITTER:** Teaching our children the Anti-Litter program; keeping our streets, highways, cities and parks clean.

3. **WORLD GARDENING:** Exchanging ideas, seeds, bulbs and catalogues with clubs in foreign countries. Enter into the 4-H plans in supplying tools and materials to war-torn countries. Invite a foreign student as guest speaker.

4. **HISTORICAL LANDMARKS:** Saving and maintaining the grounds around our historical landmarks; preserving our California heritage. This is GFWC project.

5. **SUPPORT OUR PENNY PINE PROJECT.** Your \$68.00 will plant 6800 pine trees in one of our forests. Send money directly to: Miss Lelia Crouch, U.S. Forest Service, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco. 94111.

6. **HORTICULTURE:** Devote part of each meeting to the study of plants; their culture, planting, habits, growth, bloom and use. Membership participation is sometimes more enjoyable than an outside speaker. Plan a flower show; support the state flower show at convention. Decorate the tables at meetings; hold classes in flower arranging, drying, preserving and waxing flowers. **ADVERTISE** your garden membership by wearing flowers.

7. **JUNIOR GARDENERS:** Sponsor a group of 5 or 6 children from ages 5 to 11 or a High School group. Teach them the value and appreciation of flowers - to plant, tend, cut and arrange their own flowers. Encourage them to enter in your shows and in State Fairs. It will be most rewarding.

8. **GARDEN THERAPY:** Giving flowers and plants to shut-ins; teaching hospital patients to care and grow potted plants; putting on a program for them. Bring them a little pleasure.

Plan a Garden Program for one of your District meetings. It will encourage Clubs to form a Garden Section and to make gardening a part of their activities.

Report all of your accomplishments. Awards to be given **ONLY** if reports are sent in. In Gardens Department: One award to a Club; Three awards to Districts. In Civic Beautification: one award to a Club; Three awards to Districts.

"ONE IS NEARER GOD'S HEART IN A GARDEN
THAN ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH."